

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8, 10 and 12-15 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the prior art fails to teach "determining at said push-to-talk server that said manual answer mode request is included in said push-to-talk session invitation and forwarding the session invitation including the manual answer mode request to the called party regardless of any auto-answer mode setting for the called party stored within said server", as cited in the claim.

Regarding claim 10, the prior art fails to teach a push-to-talk server forwarding an incoming session request including the manual answer mode request from said push-to-talk server to a specified called client terminal regardless of any auto-answer mode setting for the called client terminal, as cited in the claim.

Regarding claim 12, the prior art fails to teach a push-to-talk server comprising a processor programmed to determine whether or not said received invitation includes said manual answer mode request and, if so and if an automatic answer mode has been set for the second wireless mobile terminal, overriding the automatic mode setting and forwarding the invitation to the second wireless terminal including the manual answer mode request via said output, as cited in the claim.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tu Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-7883.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571) 272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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